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Re: pending Patent Application
of:

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REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111 and § 1.312

Sir,

Reconsideration of the above-identified Application for patent in light of the claim amendments and remarks herein presented is hereby requested. This is a Response to the Office Action dated 08/28/2006 in the above-identified matter.

Applicant is slightly confused by the simultaneous request in the 08/29/06 Office Action for an amendment to claim 6, whilst also containing an indication that prosecution on the merits is closed. Applicant sees prosecution as being either closed, or not closed. If closed, then Applicant

respectfully requests this paper be considered as a Submission under 37 CFR 1.312. If prosecution remains open, then Applicant respectfully requests this paper be considered as a Submission under 37 CFR 1.111.

In any event, the instant Submission conforms with all of the Examiner's requirements and is believed by Applicant to advance prosecution in this matter and place all claims in condition for allowance.

It is respectfully requested that the amendments to the claims beginning on page three of this Submission be entered.